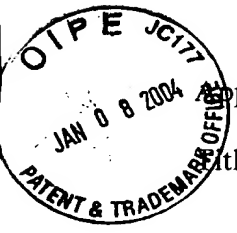


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Applicant: Bill COTTON et al.
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APPARATUS
Appl. No.: 09/847,297
Filing Date: 05/03/2001

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c)

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c) to accept a late claim for priority under this section.

1. Applicants hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) – (d) of Canadian Patent Application 2,279,201, filed July 30, 1999.
2. A new Declaration is submitted herewith.
3. A certified copy of Canadian application 2,279,201 is submitted herewith.
4. This claim was unintentionally delayed.
5. The surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t) is submitted herewith in the form of a check. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.
6. The entire delay between the date that the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a)(1) and the date of this claim was unintentional.

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